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Bruce Britt is exhorting the crowd at an impromptu members' meeting at Roosevelt Center on May 21.

Patrons, Members of New Deal Café Meet to Protest Closure

by Bay Woods

It's not uncommon to find a crowd of people gathered at the New Deal Café on Thursday nights. Joe P. Harris's Open Mike was fast becoming a local fixture, drawing a number of performers and a broad-based audience. But Thursday, May 21, was different. A crowd was still there and one man even had a guitar. But the Café was dark and empty and the crowd was gathered out front, standing in small groups around the Café's The time for that is done. I orfront patio.

Many wandered over to look at the various signs and petitions a week and they kept taking it that have been pasted to the door down. Talk is cheap. It is time of the Café since the cooperative for action," said John Drago, who

board suspended operations and locked out Chef Karim Kmaiha after failed contract negotiations.

"They even locked up the furniture this afternoon so we wouldn't have a place to sit," said one of the participants, Laura Holman. Holman moved through the crowd, trying to get the meeting organized. "We have to have 25 members to have a real meeting," Holman announced.

"This is not what this is about! ganized this meeting! I called for it! I put that sign up for

refused to identify himself to the News Review.

This interaction delayed the beginning of the meeting and people continued to mill about in apparent confusion. Individuals stated a variety of reasons for attending. Jeanette Holman said that "as an employee of Maria and Karim for six months, I feel it was unconscionable that this decision was made by the current board to lock out not only the manager but also customers without a meeting."

Peggy Barrett said, "I am here because members need to

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GHI Members Decline Motion To Reduce Size of the Board

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) held its annual meeting on the evening of May 21 with voting continuing the next day. Elections were held for the Board of Directors, Audit Committee and Nominations and Elections Committee. New business included a member petition to reduce the size of the board, a discussion of a member energy survey and a new award - the President's Award.

Ingrid Turner, Greenbelt's representative on the County Council, was present for the entire meeting. She greeted the members and indicated that she had never seen such a turnout or such participation in a homeowner's association. She reminded those present that, if they need her,

they should call her office. She introduced Brian Madison, her constituent services staff member. She also has a monthly e-news for those who wish to receive online information.

Elections

There were six members running for five 2-year positions on the Board of Directors. Votes cast are shown in parentheses. Elected were Sylvia J. Lewis (159), Suzette Agans (156), Tokey Boswell (155), Patricia Novinski (130) and Edward R. Hickey (110). Not elected was Chuck Hess (105).

Lewis, Agans, Novinski and Hickey were incumbents; Boswell, an urban planner, has lived in GHI only a year. Hess was a former board member. Novinski had the most memorable presentation. She ran over time but had the audience responding to her descriptions of how neighbors can overcome problems by shouting with her: "That's community.'

Only three members ran for the three Audit Committee seats; Dorothy Lauber, Dianne Wilkerson and Henry Haslinger, a newcomer to the committee. The Nomination and Elections Committee was elected during the meeting. Although the committee has five seats, only four people ran and were elected by acclamation. They were Kathleen Gallagher, Ginny Jones, Marat Moore and Elizabeth Roslewicz.

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NOTICE

Results of voting by council at the Tuesday, May 26 meeting on proposed changes to the Greenbelt voting process:

- 1. Move election to even year to coincide with state/ federal elections, approved, 3 to 2 vote, Putens, Roberts opposed. (Charter Amendment required)
- 2. Expand council size 5 to 7, approved, 4 to 1, Roberts opposed.
- 3. Early voting via voting machines, approved, 4 to 1, Roberts opposed. (Charter Amendment required)
- 4. Modify ordinance to allow early voting by mail, approved, 4 to 1, Roberts opposed.
- 5. Voter outreach/education, approved unanimously.

New Deal Café Board Talks **About Closure Controversy**

by Bay Woods

The Board of Directors of the New Deal Café cooperative agreed this week to speak to the News Review regarding the controversial closing of the Café and the termination of their contract with manager Chef Karim Kmaiha. The conversation was held on a conference call with Bill Wilkerson and Terri Rutledge on Monday night.

Wilkerson said the board had been keeping the membership as informed of events as possible, citing a letter to the membership of the New Deal Café cooperative in December and his statement at the annual meeting in February, both of which detailed the financial problems the board felt it was having with Kmaiha. "Then there was a period of time when we were advised by our lawyers not to talk. Now that the contract has been terminated, we can give more information."

Wilkerson explained, "We've been having contractual issues since November. It was a difficult decision to close the Cafe and suspend the contract. A lot of people said it was sudden and unfair but this was only See **BOARD**, page 10

after multiple notices when he [Kmaiha] still refused to discuss it with us."

Wilkerson and Rutledge argued that the original contract stipulated that Kmaiha would pay \$4,000 per month in rent to the landlord plus another \$4,000 to the New Deal Café to use its space and infrastructure (location, longevity, music, liquor license). It is this second sum that has been the source of contention.

Supporters of Kmaiha claim that the distinction between these two monthly payments was unclear and that he thought there was only one payment. "A lot of people have talked about that money as Karim paying down our debt but that's not right," Wilkerson said. "We have been using it to pay down debt. But it is the fee to the co-op, which has been operating for over 10 years, mostly in the same location.

"He came into a good situation, not just an empty space. Some people say they don't care if it is a co-op, they just like the Café. But our responsibility is to the owners, the members of the co-op."

What Goes On

Monday, June 1

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center, Room 114

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with Roosevelt Center Merchants (stakeholder). Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, June 2

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 103 – Discussion of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan – Review Feedback from Public Outreach Meeting

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with Greenbelt Park (stakeholder). Immediately followed by Worksession on Purple Line Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7 – Greenbelt Day Weekend (72nd Anniversary). See City Information ad for details.

Letters to the Editor

NDC Board Responds

The New Deal Café Board would like to let the community know that we are working diligently to reopen the Café as soon as possible. We realize that the sudden closing came as a shock and we are distressed as well that it came to this.

The board has been working on contractual issues with the manager for over six months with limited success. The issues were mainly financial, including lack of payments and tax reporting and accounting practices. We were optimistic that the cooperative's building, staffing and operation of the new back bar, along with the enhanced music program, would put us on a path to solving the financial issues by allowing us to reduce his (Karim Kmaiha's) monthly payments to the Café. We were hopeful the other serious issues could be solved as

In the interest of our goal to establish a long-term, harmonious relationship with Karim, the board was limited in reporting specific details to the membership. We were hesitant to portray the Café or its manager in an unfavorable light. We last reported on some of these problems at the Annual Membership Meeting in February. We had previously reported at the December board meeting that problems had already begun.

The board regrets that it has had to take such a measured approach to communication during this crisis and has agonized over it at length but determined that it was what we legally had to do. The board was blind sided in April with a very threatening letter from Karim's lawyer which catapulted the cooperative into the current situation. The drastic closing of the Café and the formal termination of the contract with Karim was necessitated by the looming threat of legal action against the Café. Karim had actually been in breach of the signed contract since October but the board decided, against legal advice, to try and work out the problems without legal action. The letter from Karim's lawyer meant the board had to take steps to protect the cooperative's rights and, unfortunately, due to inaction and refusal to communicate on the manager's part, the result was the temporary closure of the

It is important to understand that from the onset many months ago, the board has been trying to renegotiate a contract with Karim that is more advantageous to him financially, while correcting the tax and accounting issues we believe have to be addressed for both parties to avoid serious problems in the future. Our goal has always been to try to make the Café successful for both Karim and the cooperative.

We urge members to attend the June 7 meeting and to carefully seek and weigh all the facts and opinions before assigning blame in this unfortunate situation. As always, we welcome any help during this challenging time.

Peter May, Terri Rutledge and Bill Wilkerson. Members of the NDC Board of Directors

Give Kmaiha A Chance

Whenever going into any kind of business, check with a lawyer to make sure everything is above board, which according to the article in last week's Greenbelt News Review, Mr. Kmaiha said he did not do. I'm sure this problem would not have happened as the board would not have a leg to stand on in locking the door on the current tenant. Give the business a chance in these not-good economic times. It should not be the new tenant's responsibility to pay back bills. Move forward.

Now for the board or whoever has taken matters into their own hands, which is what it sounds like to me. Remember how much work you put into helping the new tenants out in getting the business to finally open once the county gave the okay to open.

Please keep in mind that you are not just closing one business, as the Café is two in one, with the talent in the back room along with the food. By your closing this business, Greenbelt will lose so much with all the activities the Café itself brings such as talent to Roosevelt Center every day throughout the year which helps other businesses here as well. Are you really willing to throw all of this away?

In last week's article, you say that you are looking for a new tenant. Who do you think will be interested in coming once they find out the past history and the people they have to deal with? Or: do you already have a tenant who is pressuring you to have them move into the New Deal Café as they see the potential for themselves? This will backfire on you, guaranteed. I know because a similar situation happened to me in my second fulltime job eons ago.

Remember that Greenbelt is a good community. You will be tearing down that community perhaps forever. Don't wait until June 7 for a meeting; do it now and allow the Café to open immediately.

Gail Phillips

Smith Center Hosts Faculty Recital

Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 4 at 8 p.m. will be the site of a free faculty chamber music recital performed by the artist faculty of the 2009 National Orchestral Institute, including the Left Bank Quartet. The program will include G. P. Telemann: Quartet in D Minor from Tafelmusik; David Van Vactor: Economy Band for trumpet, trombone and percussion; Bela Bartok: String Quartet No. 2; and Arnold Schonberg: "Verklarte Nacht."

Botanic Garden Features Chocolate

The United States Botanic Garden has a new exhibit, "The New Age of Chocolate." It runs through August 16 and features plant exploration. Scientific research is revealing new information about chocolate, including health benefits, genetic variation, disease susceptibility, determinants of flavor and factors that promote sustainable harvest of this rainforest crop.

Something Is Rotten At the New Deal

Look in Roget's Thesaurus under the heading "disgust" and read the following synonyms. There are not enough words to express my feelings toward the situation existing at the New Deal Café (NDC). I have never all my long life and residences and travel witnessed such an affair.

I propose a solution:

1. Dissolve the Board! I am one of the founders of the NDC, I supported it through the Community Center years, then when the former bank/collectibles space became available, I was there. Sweeping, dusting, moving, drywalling, painting, scrubbing, etc. I cleaned the display case even using toothpicks and cotton swabs to remove the caked food and dirt that had accumulated from its former residence (a hospital, no less!) I helped muscle in the gently used freezers/refrigerators – no they were not commercially delivered by professional movers. But always there has been the petty bickering, incompetent and ignorant operation of the business.

2. Allow NDC to pass to the chef as a private profit-making business. The chef has put his heart and soul and \$87,000 and his health into this endeavor. Transfer it somehow to his business skills and expertise. Allow him to continue to serve as "the living room of Greenbelt" without interference from a board with the numerous plans and orders that have plagued the NDC from its beginnings.

Glory K. Houck

NOTICE

To Co-op Members, Café Patrons and Interested Parties:

There has been some confusion which has been created by the music and events calendar on the Café website. The board and the music committee are working to try to reopen the Café on the weekends as relayed by an earlier message.

Bill Wilkerson Board of Directors

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Grin Belt



"Do you consider eating a really crunchy acorn a "tweet"?"

City Notes

Property Maintenance received turtle thieves from taking turtles a complaint regarding a business being operated out of a garage.

Animal Control reported two chickens were taken to a rescue league.

Noise/Handbill Complaints reported that 12 warning notices for excessively loud music, loud parties and stomping were sent out.

Planning continued working with citizens regarding animal control complaints on Plateau

Parks and Playgrounds completed renovation work on the Greenbelt War Memorial by replacing the stone patio surrounding the memorial and prevented would-be from Buddy Attick Lake.

Arts reports artwork created by local middle school students along with exhibiting artist Eli Halpin has been completed for use at the GHI House and Garden Tour. The students' paintings - on reclaimed doors - will be used to identify houses participating in the tour.

Recreation, thanks to grant money, purchased adjustable basketball hoops for the Biddy Basketball League scheduled to begin in July. The league will be geared toward children ages 6 to 9 and will be played Saturday mornings at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

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> Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Friday May 29, Offices Closed (emergency maintenance available at 301-474-6011)

Monday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, Grief Support Group – GHI Library

Tuesday, June 2, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – GHI Board Room

Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee – GHI Lobby

Sunday, June 7, 12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI Community Wide Open House – Roosevelt Center

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, June 2, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 3, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, June 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Composting

Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Master Gardeners will talk about composting. People will learn how to improve the structure of their soil and how to create a vigorous root system for their plants. Also they will learn more about organic materials for their gardens.

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My Sister Eileen Is Free Monthly Movie

The free monthly movie to be held at the Greenbelt Senior Lounge on Monday, June 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. will be "My Sister Eileen." Eileen and Ruth (Janet Leigh and Betty Garrett) are two small-town Ohio sisters who move to Manhattan, seeking excitement. They live in a basement apartment in Greenwich Village with an assortment of oddball tenants as they pursue success and romance. "My Sister Eileen" was choreographed by Bob Fosse, who also appears as one sister's suitor; the other's suitor is played by Jack Lemmon. The movie will be shown in the Senior Lounge, Room 111.

For details call 301-397-2208.

Poetry Celebration To Be Held May 30

The Greenbelt Writers Group will be presenting a Celebration of Poetry on Saturday, May 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112. The writers will read original poetry and some of their favorite poems, with musical interludes presented by members of the group. If time permits, attendees will have the opportunity to read their own poetry. Also joining in will be several members of the Savage, Md., writers group, including many published authors.

The event is open to all and is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served.

P.G. Genealogical Society to Meet

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 in the Greenbelt Library. After a short business meeting Angela McGhie will speak on "Finding Original Records on the Internet." This is the final meeting before summer break; meetings will resume in the fall. All are welcome; there is no charge. For details see http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs, email pgcgs@juno.com, or call 301-262-2063.

Capitol Cadillac Has Two Anniversaries

Capitol Cadillac is celebrating its 30th anniversary in Greenbelt this year and its 75th in business, moving in 1979 to Greenbelt from a location at 22 and M Streets in downtown Washington, D.C. The dealership, founded in 1934, has stayed in the same family and now is run by founder Floyd Akers' grandson Daniel Jobe.

"The good news," Jobe says, "is that we did not get a letter from GM (General Motors) that we would no longer be a Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac or GMC dealer."

Still, Jobe says, they have felt the impact of the current downshift in the economy, having to lay off "quite a few people." They currently employ 82 people, down from 120, and recently sold their Hummer franchise but also have been authorized to sell a new line of hybrid cars from Fisker Automotive, produced in Irvine, Calif., and featured at this year's D.C. Auto Show.

"Dad," says Jobe, "had me work in every department" to groom him to one day take over the business; he built the original parts bins.

Byrd Singers Seek New Members

Greenbelt's a cappella group The Byrd Singers is starting up again for the summer. Those who can read music and sing fairly independently are invited to join the group as it prepares a program of works by English Renaissance composer William Byrd. Court composer for Queen Elizabeth I, Byrd wrote many types of music, including sacred music for both Anglican and Catholic services. All voices are welcome.

The first rehearsal of the season will be on Sunday, June 7 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church, lower level, 101 Greenhill Road (corner of Crescent and Greenhill).

For more information call Director Ruth Kastner at 301-474-5605 or email rkastner@verizon.

Toastmasters Meet

Learn effective communication, deliver presentations, give and receive constructive evaluations and become a better listener. Learn to lead teams and conduct meetings. The next free meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, June 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call 301-906-0865.

P & J Coalition Meeting June 4

The next meeting of the Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George's County will be held on Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The first agenda item concerns how to carry forward the work of late founding member Esther Webb. The group will begin with a brainstorming session on the question "what would Esther have wanted us to do in honor of her life?" Input is welcome from residents who knew Webb's work.

Reel & Meal

The coalition will begin its observance of Greenbelt's annual Greenbelt Peace Month, newly designated by the city council as June, with the June 15 Reel & Meal film "Life in Occupied Palestine: Eyewitness Stories and Photos," the work of Anna Baltzer, a Jewish American Fulbright scholar. Guest speaker will be Jim Fine, policy analyst for the Friends Committee on National Legislation, who has traveled extensively in the Middle East and met many leaders there.

For more information call 301-577-2350 or email justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

National Trails Day At Greenbelt Park

The National Park Service, National Capital Parks East, will celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Greenbelt Park. The community is invited to volunteer with several projects, including trail repair and invasive plant removal. The Friends of Still Creek will coordinate cleanup of the watershed.

A 30-minute children's nature walk will take place on the Azalea Trail, in the Sweetgum area, at 11:30 a.m. At noon National Parks America Tour will salute America's volunteers with a celebration of accomplishments at the Sweetgum picnic area. Light refreshments will be available. The program is sponsored by the National Park Foundation.

Representatives from REI Outdoor store will be on hand to help with volunteer registration. Contact REI at 301-982-9681 to register for this event. Community service credits for high school students can be earned by volunteering.

Seniors Can Register For Free Produce

Seniors wishing to participate in the Free Summer Produce for Seniors Program will need to call Christal Batey at 301-345-6660, ext. 2012 to reserve space.

This free program will provide produce for seniors and disabled adults 50 and older on the first Thursday of the month from June through September. Distribution will be at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

Callers must speak with Batey and provide their name, address, phone number and the number of people in their family.

Arts Advisory Board Meeting on June 2

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information call Staff Liaison Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057.

Co-op to Host Chef Bill Cooking Demo

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative supermarket will sponsor a cooking demonstration and sampling on Wednesday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chef Bill Scepansky is coming to the Co-op as part of his company's Seasonal Chef program that promotes "consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and healthier diets for the public as a whole." This month, Chef Bill will highlight Vidalia onions and show customers how to serve them grilled and drizzled with a honey-balsamic dressing. Co-op wine consultant John Mealey will recommend a few wines to pair with this tasty dish.

The demonstraton is free and open to all.

Greenbelt West Assn. Meets, Invites All

The Greenbelt West Residents Association (GWRA) will hold a general meeting, open to the public, on Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

The GWRA meets on the first Tuesday of every month for all, not just residents of west Greenbelt.

For more information call GWRA President Che Sayles at 240-602-3987.

Free Youth Concert At Roosevelt Center

This Saturday, May 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. young musicians from Robert Goddard Middle School will present a free concert at Roosevelt Center. Performing will be the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and the Robert Goddard Electric Strings. Raindate will be on Sunday, May 31 at the same time. This is the first in a planned series of free outdoor concerts featuring young musicians - the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series – produced by the New Deal Café and sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with supporting funds from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall Center Court 301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m. Adults/Seniors: \$6.50 Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m. Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50 Children: \$6.00 Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required (!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of May 29

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Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series

presents a free outdoor concert featuring Robert Goddard Middle School!

Robert Goddard
Jazz Band

Robert Goddard Electric Strings

Sat. May 30, 4 - 6 pm Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt

Sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA), supported by the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County



Condolences to the family and friends of Brodie Frederick, Jr., the Greenbelter who drowned at Virginia Beach last Saturday. Frederick was active in scouting.

Congratulations to:

 Alice Noll, who recently received the Maryland State Department of Education Service Star Award for outstanding public service. She attends Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School and is the daughter of Ellen and Franklin Noll of Boxwood Vil-

 Bryan and Sonia Nousain on the birth of their first child, son Miles Zhengye



Nousain on May 7, 2009. Young Miles weighed in at 10 lbs.

- Angie Njoku, who recently graduated magna cum laude with a BSW from Clark Atlanta University. She was also inducted into the honor society for social work. Angie is the daughter of Laurie and Julius Njoku of Greenbelt and a 2005 graduate of **ERHS**

It was nice to see pioneer Greenbelter Louise Steinle Winker and her husband at the Museum showing of "The City" on May 19. The Winkers were here from Florida to attend college graduations of two grandchildren:

- Erin Winker, who received her degree in music (voice) from Ithaca College. She is the daughter of Warren Winker and Mary Lucy O'Brien Winker and granddaughter of longtime Greenbelters Jerry and Catherine O'Brien.

- Bryan Linstrom, the son of Wendy Winker and Gerry Linstrom, who received a degree in geography and geo-science from Salisbury University. His other grandmother is our own Mary Linstrom.

We are happy to hear that longtime Greenbelter Dolores Goodall is well on the road to recovery from her heart surgery and is enjoying spending time with her family.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-

- Kathleen McFarland

Museum Offers Free Gliders

Museum visitors can decorate their own gliders on Friday, June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum. Part of the "Soaring Summer Fridays" program, this activity is free with regular museum admission.



SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E. Sunday, May 31 Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Outstanding Safety Patrol



Adrienne Kossangba

Adrienne Kossangba, a fifth grade student at Springhill Lake Elementary, is this year's recipient of the Outstanding AAA School Safety Patrol Award. The Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education and AAA Mid-Atlantic will recognize her as an outstanding safety patrol who excels in leadership, dependability and academics and present the award at a luncheon on June 4. Adrienne is an honor roll student with perfect attendance whose service to her school is highly valued.

Audubon Society **Spring Bird Walk**

Take a free spring bird walk with the Prince George's Audubon Society on Saturday, June 6 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University for woodland and field birds, waterfowl and good chances for raptor flyovers at this forested floodplain of the Patuxent River. Birders may also use the nearby WB&A trail. The walk is for beginners and experts. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

Free Chamber Music Marathon at UM

On Sunday, June 7 at 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. the UM School of Music will present the free National Orchestral Institute (NOI) chamber music marathon in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Students of the NOI create small ensembles and take turns performing hours of intimate chamber music in a "casual-audience" format. Part 1 begins at 12:30 p.m., part 2 at 4:30. Listen for five minutes or five hours.

Yard and Bake Sale To Benefit Scouts

A multi-family yard sale and bake sale for the benefit of Girl Scout Troop 4816 will be held at the corner of Southway and Crescent Road on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday at the same time.

Delegate Ross Meets With Greenbelters

Delegate Justin D. Ross, District 22, Maryland General Assembly will meet with constituents from legislative district 22 on Tuesday, June 2 between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Appointments are not necessary. He will be available to answer questions or take note of any concerns. For more details call 301-858-3652.

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Sunday, May 31, 10 a.m.

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replace it with a feeling of love. Do everything possible to overcome prejudices, which are among the greatest obstacles to building a better world. The Bahá'í writings teach us how to walk in the ways of unity and help others take the same path.

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Youth Advisory Com. **Needs New Members**

by Joel Mason-Gaines On Wednesday, May 20 current members of the Youth Advisory Committee met with members of the Greenbelt City Council about the committee's low membership problem. The committee was created in the 60s as the Teen Club Board to give area youth more of a voice in what happens in the Greenbelt community.

Members accomplish this by advising city leaders on issues that they feel are important to young people.

Low membership has frequently plagued the committee throughout its existence and it has recently been down again with five vacant spots on a potential seven-member board. This was brought to council's attention and many solutions were discussed on how to increase interest and awareness of the committee.

The most popular suggestions were to have community leaders nominate possible members, as well as advertise through the social networking site Facebook and have a pool party hosted by the committee. It was also mentioned that the committee could disband and spread out its members among other committees so that young people could better be able to have their voices heard by leaders of the community.

In the past, the Youth Advisory Committee attracted members by its main purpose of having a say in the community, as well as the added benefits of having community service hours filled and being a nice addition on resumes and college applications. Currently if a youth wants to be a member of the committee they must fill out an application and be interviewed by council.

Twilight Tuesdays At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge grounds will be open to visitors until 7:30 p.m. during the summer for Twilight Tues-

The Refuge North Tract will celebrate Twilight Tuesday on the first Tuesday of the month on June 2, July 7 and August 4.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will celebrate Twilight Tuesday on the second Tuesday of the month on June 9, July 14 and August 11.

The Refuge North Tract entrance is located off Md. Rt. 198 between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Md. Rt. 32, east of Laurel. (Normal closing time is 4 p.m. daily.)

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/ Washington Parkway and Md. Rt. 197, south of Laurel. (Normal closing time is 4:30 p.m. daily.)

Landscape Art Tour At Botanic Garden

The U.S. Botanic Garden will present a free lecture, "The Many Faces of Landscape Art," by sculptor D.J. Garrity on Wednesday, June 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. He will lead a virtual tour of international locations to discover works of art from ancient to contemporary. A question and answer session follows. Pre-registration is required.

City Information

Monday, June 1 at 7:30pm ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GreenACES), at the Greenbelt Community Center, rm 114.

Monday, June 1 at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Roosevelt Center Merchants (stakeholder) at Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www. greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Info 240-542-2057.

Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, at the Greenbelt Community Center, rm 103. On the Agenda: Discussion of the Development of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan – Review Feedback from Public Outreach Mtg.

Wednesday, June 3 at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with NPS Greenbelt Park (stakeholder) Immediatedly following this Work Session is a second WORK **SESSION re: Purple Line.**

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.



Summer Camps at the Greenbelt Recreation Department **Are you ready for the Summer?**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department offers a variety of summer camps: Kinder Camp for ages 3-5; Creative Kids for ages 6-12; Camp Pine Tree I for ages 6-8; Camp Pine Tree II for ages 9-11; Youth on the Go for ages 12-14; Camp Dance for ages 6-16; Camp Encore for ages 13 -15; Circus Camp for ages 8-13 (Waiting list only); Volunteer positions for ages 16-17

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on the:

Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND JUNE **DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION SESSION**

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc. will arrive June 13, 2009 to examine all aspects of the Greenbelt Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

Verification by the team that the Greenbelt Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session, June 15, 2009 at 5 p.m. The session will be conducted in the City of Greenbelt Council Chambers located at 25 Crescent Road. Greenbelt, Maryland.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. The public may call 240-542-2102 on June 15, 2006 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Greenbelt Police Department,

550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Please contact Lieutenant Carl Schinner, 301-

The Greenbelt Police Department must comply with all applicable standards to gain accredited status.

The accreditation team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but outof-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are team leader Mr. Ray Johnson, Chief of Police, Chesterfield Police Department, Chesterfield, Missouri, and the team member Mr. Steven Sanders, Lieutenant, Garden Grove Police Department. Garden Grove, California. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports, attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 20030-2201; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225.

Greenbelt CityLink: www.greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT DAY WEEKEND

Celebrate Greenbelt's 72nd Anniversary!

Saturday, June 6:

9am - 12pm: Community Playground Build All ages: help complete the rebuild of a playground in the Windsor Green development on Ora Glen Drive between Mandan Road and Morrison Drive. No tools or special skills required. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Public Works. For more information call 240-542-2151.

10am: Greenbelt Youth Baseball - Orioles vs. Athletics (McDonald Field) Sponsored by Greenbelt Baseball. For more information call 301-441-4647.



1-3pm: Get Active, *Pedestrians! Community Center rm 114. Free. All ages welcome. Pedestrian safety tips, updated information on proposed bills to make "green cars" safer for pedestrians. introduction to the Greenbelt Get Active Program with pedometers and a walk.

Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For more information call 240-542-

Sunday, June 7:

Greenbelt Community Center. Most activities free. All ages welcome.

1pm: Naturalization Ceremony, gym

The United States Citizen & Immigration Service (USCIS) will administer the Oath of Allegiance to candidates seeking to become U.S. citizens as part of a formal ceremony.

Sponsored by USCIS. For naturalization

information or to contact USCIS: 1-800-375-5283.



Artful Afternoon Activities sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department: 1-3pm: Greenbelt Museum craft workshop: make a rag rug trivet, rm 113

1-3pm: Greenbelt Photo Club members' contest; entries on view, rm 114 2pm: Eleanor Roosevelt returns

to Greenbelt! Presentation by actor Suzan King,

3pm: Greenbelt Day welcome address from Mayor Judith "J" Davis and the Greenbelt City Council, followed by a performance of the Greenbelt Concert Band, gym

1-4pm: Artists in Residence studio open house and sale, 3rd floor

1-5pm: Art gallery and Greenbelt Museum fashion exhibit open

1-5pm: Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, 10-B Crescent Road (\$3)

For more information call 240-542-2057.

Throughout the weekend...

Enjoy the people and amenities that make Greenbelt great. Information about city recreation services and community events taking place this weekend is available at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Show your appreciation for local entrepreneurs and non-profits by patronizing Greenbelt's theaters, eateries, markets and other establishments. Greenbelt Day Weekend is also a great time to investigate local volunteer opportunities; have fun, make new friends, and contribute to the community!

BASIC VEGAN CUISINE

Summer is a great season to join a cooking class.

Students will be guided through naturally delicious and nutritious vegan recipes. Learn the health benefits of a vegan diet. Light fare recipes to include in-season fruits and vegetables, plus smoothies and other delicious snacks will be introduced. All cooking supplies and food are included in the fees. No cooking experience required. Tu 7:00pm-9:00pm 6/23-7/14 Residents: \$50, Non-Resident: \$62.50 Call the Greenbelt Community Center for more information

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decide if they back the board. We should have a voice. The board proceeded unilaterally. It might be legitimate but we don't know."

Casting Blame

Diana McFadden remarked that she was "disgusted by all the finger pointing" that had been going on since the Café closed a week ago, noting that many people seemed more interested in casting blame than in fixing the problem.

Richard McMullin, who at first gave his name as Che Guevara and showed a reluctance to be identified by the press, walked up in a New Deal sweatshirt chanting, "Open it now! Open it now!" He marched up to the front door.

He looked out at the crowd, "Open it now!" he chanted again. Though people glanced his way, none picked up the chant and McMullin fell silent and blended into the milling mass.

Finally Holman stood up on one of the benches in Roosevelt Center and asked members to sign in so the meeting would be official. Drago did not challenge this second attempt at organiza-

Bruce Britt was the first to speak. He spoke, he said, on behalf of Kmaiha. He said that Kmaiha was not present because the "board filed a restraining order. I'm sitting in for him," Britt continued. "And I have financial information about the co-op."
"Coming from Karim," Pat

Brent reminded the crowd.

The claim that Kmaiha was not there because of a restraining order was the most dramatic charge of the evening and could be heard repeated by members of small groups to one another. However, Holman later advised in an email that Britt misunderstood Kmaiha and the board had not taken out a restraining order against the chef.

Britt said he had put together a petition to place a motion on the agenda for the special meeting that the board had called for June 7. His petition moved that "Karim be reinstated as restaurant manager pending financial audit."

Chef's Side

Britt went on to provide Chef Kmaiha's side of the financial situation of the Café. He claimed that the chef spent \$37,000 on capital improvements to the facilities and that he had paid the Café \$40,000 between April and December 2008. Britt further said that Kmaiha and the Café had arrived at a deal where the Café would take control of the bar and alcohol sales in order to make up the rest of the money.

Britt claimed that the bar had earned \$16,000 in the first four months of 2009 so that "Karim has paid down his debt in 2009 as agreed to."

Brent questioned the premises of Britt's claim. "Never was what he put into the kitchen part of the negotiations, part of the debt. What he got was great good will." Brent continued, "Technically, I might still be a member of the board and I'm as lax as the rest of them. If you want to throw water balloons - here I am! But it is important to remember that the membership

has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and Karim has benefited from that.'

Several speakers argued that they did not have faith in the current board of directors, mentioning the president, Peter May, and board member Bill Wilkerson by

Amethyst Dwyer stepped forward to remind the crowd that "the Café is the top priority, not us versus them."

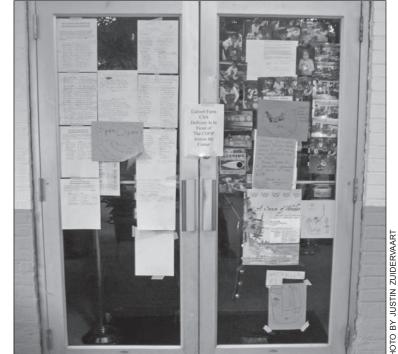
Holman asked: "Do we have enough people wanting to be board members?" No one stepped forward and people began to drift

The meeting seemed to disperse on several occasions as people broke off into splinter conversations. Then a speaker would emerge to command the attention of the crowd again.

The group agreed that petitions and notices would be collected at 16-B Crescent Road. The group asserted that the Cafe's bylaws state that an item may be added to the agenda of a special meeting up to seven days in advance with a petition with 20 names on it. It was never clear, however, whether 20 or 25 people would constitute a quorum of members to make this an official meeting. It is 25.

By the time Holman attempted to introduce the issue again, many of the members who had signed in had dispersed. At the most, nearly 40 people were present, 20 of whom were members.

Dwyer said, "I think we need someone other than lawyers to resolve this," and she jokingly



Petitions on the door of the New Deal Café.

offered massages to both sides as they engaged in mediation.

CARES Contacted

A statement released last week by the New Deal Café board stated that the board "agreed to meet with the manager using CARES, a City of Greenbelt program for dispute mediation. CARES advised that mediation would not be helpful."

Bill Muney said, "Karim was coming to me and crying. He didn't know what was happening to him. I said, 'Listen, why don't you get a lawyer to look at the contract. Then they said

they needed a lawyer."

Dwyer pointed out that Kmaiha did not have a lawyer during the initial negotiations last year even though "the board said over and over, please get a lawyer before you sign the contract.'

There was another call for volunteers for the board. Brent said, "If there aren't those willing to be on the board - what's going to happen? You have to go home with that."

Bay Woods has recently been trained to be a volunteer bartender at the New Deal Café.

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Robbery

May 19, 11:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man was approached by two teenagers as he was walking to a residence; both were armed with handguns. One of the teens demanded the man's cell phone and struck him in the head with a gun. Both then fled the scene on foot. The man refused treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as a black male in his teens, 5'11", 200 pounds with short black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket, a dark shirt and black pants; and a black male in his teens, 5'8", 140 pounds with short black hair, wearing a black jacket, a dark shirt and black pants and possibly a red scarf.

Drug Arrest

May 12, 11 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, three resident youths were petitioned for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute at a school. One youth was also petitioned for possession of marijuana. All three youths were released pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Theft

May 15, 5:06 p.m., Beltway Plaza, two males entered the McDonalds inside the mall and approached the cashier. One of them distracted the cashier while the other removed money from the register. Both suspects then fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, tall with short brown hair and brown eyes, wearing black pants and a T-shirt; and a black male, short with a large build, short brown hair and brown eyes, wearing black pants and a T-shirt.

Disorderly Conduct

May 21, 12:51 a.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

May 16, 5:25 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that he was asleep in his residence when two males entered his apartment, possibly using a key to gain entry. One suspect was armed with a baseball bat and struck him several times; both then fled the scene. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'10", wearing blue jeans, a blue T-shirt and a ski-type mask; and a black male, 5'10" to 5'11", 185



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pounds, wearing blue jeans, a blue T-shirt and a ski-type mask.

May 18, 9:34 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, an attempted burglary was reported.

May 18, 10:02 p.m., 100 block Julian Court, it was reported that a video game player and a video game were taken.

May 19, 4:01 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a computer and monitor were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1989 Toyota Celica 2-door from the 7700 block Mandan Road; a silver 1997 Buick LeSabre 4-door, Maryland tags 7ELD69 from Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Terrace; and a blue 2009 Sedona LX van, Maryland tags 3274M9 from the 6500 block Capitol Drive. (A warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with unlawful taking of a

motor vehicle.)

Three vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police and one was recovered by an outside department. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

May 16, 7500 block Ora Glen Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with auto theft, unauthorized use, failing to return a rental vehicle, failing to stop at a stop sign and a seatbelt violation. The vehicle, a 2008 Mercury Grand Prix, had been reported stolen. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 20, Greenbelt Road and Southway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft and driving an unregistered motor vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported in the following areas:

8100 block Mandan Road (vehicle was spray painted), Cherrywood Terrace and Breezewood Court (broken driver's side window), 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (broken passenger side window), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (broken rear window) and 6100 block Breezewood Drive (broken driver's side vent window).

Theft from vehicles was reported at: 6100 block Breezewood Court (tag cover); 7700 block Mandan Road (GPS, laptop computer); 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (GPS); 9000 block Edmonston Road (GPS, laptop computer, radar detector); 7700 block Ora Court (airbag); 7700 block Hanover Parkway (rear tag); 9200 block Springhill Lane (GPS); 7800 block Walker Drive (two cameras, GPS); and 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (GPS). An attempted theft was reported at 7900 block Greenbury Drive.

Greenbelt Man Drowns At Virginia Beach

The May 24 Washington Post reported that a 32-year-old Greenbelt man drowned Saturday while on an excursion to Virginia Beach with his family.

A police spokesman said Brodie Frederick, Jr., was the apparent victim of a rip current that developed while he was on a body board in the Atlantic Ocean surf.

When the rip current affected a whole group of swimmers, family members lost sight of Frederick. An officer in a Virginia Beach patrol boat spotted Frederick near a board, facedown in the water about 100 yards from the shore and pulled him into the boat. He was taken to a hospital but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. He was pronounced dead shortly after 1:30 p.m.

Frederick's wife was among those who accompanied him to the beach. Other family members were not identified.

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BOARD

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Challenging Year
Rutledge said, "This year has been extremely challenging. Our goal has been to make it work for both Karim and the co-operative." She added that the board was "trying to relieve Karim and Maria (Chef Kmaiha's wife), trying to help them alleviate some financial issues. We hoped we were on a road toward making it work through cooperation. But tax liability and business practices made that impossible."

Wilkerson said that the board "went along with a lawyer to enforce the agreement - either comply or offer some other option.

The parties made a verbal agreement to allow the Café to operate the bar in the back of the Café and use the profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages as payment of the fee to the Café.

Wilkerson said the board needed some assurance that they would receive some payment from Kmaiha if the bar was not earning the same amount as it did in the initial days of the expansion.

The board claims that on April 15 they received a letter from Kmaiha's attorney asking that the Café cease and desist from operating the bar. The ultimate result of these failed negotiations was the closing of the restaurant, locking out Kmaiha and his staff. In a second letter Kmaiha offered to buy the co-op out of the business at what Wilkerson called a laughable price.

Wilkerson further disputed the numbers presented by Kmaiha in this paper. Wilkerson claimed to be the general contractor during the renovations and said that Kmaiha paid "10, maybe 20" percent of the total cost. "We put in over \$400,000 since 2005," Wilkerson said.

He said the board had called a meeting for June 7 after a petition for a special meeting to deal with the issues raised by the Café's closure. Wilkerson acknowledged that June 7 was a long time to wait to solve the problem but pointed out that according to the bylaws the Board is required to give two weeks' notice in the News Review.

Private Contract

Wilkerson said that some people had asked why the contract was not public. He said that Kmaiha had specifically asked that his finances remain private because they may contain proprietary secrets that could help his competition.

Wilkerson said, "We're confident that the New Deal will open and be the community living room it has always been."

"Hopefully by this weekend," Rutledge added. When asked who would be running the operations, Rutledge replied, "It could be staffed by volunteers, it could be someone new."

The board is currently interviewing potential managers and acknowledges that "there is always the possibility that some new arrangement could be reached if the former manager and the co-op come to terms."

Bay Woods was trained to volunteer at the New Deal Café

Chef Karim and His Wife Discuss Closure of Café

by Bay Woods

After arriving at work one morning to find that they were locked out of the New Deal Café they had managed for the past year, Chef Karim Kmaiha and his wife, Maria Almeida, were devastated. On Tuesday morning this week, Maria Almeida agreed to talk with the News Review by telephone. Almeida said, "We have been wronged and they are treating us like criminals. . . . Our livelihood was gone." She said the board had asked Kmahia to stay away from the Café but that they did not have the authority to issue a formal restraining

"I am sick and tired of my husband being treated like a criminal. He made some threats, of course, because he was locked out and the employees were locked out of work, not getting paid. What do you do? You are not stone but flesh and blood. He didn't threaten but he was so upset."

Almeida further stressed that the lock-out has prevented the couple from retrieving their records, bills and materials. "The food in there – that didn't belong to anybody but us. And it is in there rotting," she said.

Later she added, "This is not just about money, this is about people. But we can't get to anything. When they did this," Almeida contends, "they did not think about the consequences."

Almeida said the board locked the couple out of the Café while negotiations were still ongoing. "It should have been closed when all negotiations had been stalled. We were still hoping something good would come out of it."

Almeida said the couple had invested their lives in the Café. "We put so much in, building the kitchen. We have to make a living and the first three months we were doing well."

As for the financial dispute leading up to the lock-out, Almeida said, "We paid rent, all the bills, \$4,000. But when the economy started going down, it was harder. We were working at a bare minimum, scraping by. Some days no customers, other days it was full.

"But you can't have an employee for just the busy days. That's not how it works. It would improve when the economy picked up."

Bar Sales

Almeida tells the same story as the board members regarding the transfer of the bar and alcohol sales to the Café. "They basically forced it on us and though my husband didn't want to do it I said, 'Maybe they can do better and sell more than us there.' But from the beginning," she added, "if you want to run the bar, you have to run it professionally. When we open for lunch, we need someone in the bar or else we have to have an extra burden of working in the bar."

Almeida said that Kmaiha hired someone to do the bookkeeping whom the couple believed was doing well. "Looking back," she added, "maybe we should have brought someone better to look at this, as long as it is written into the contract. But it got too confusing. Still, I thought maybe it would be one less burden on our shoulders. But then something happened. It did not work."

Kmaiha had been commenting in the background during the telephone conversation and asked to speak. He said that according to the original contract, the money and work he invested in capital improvements of the New Deal Café were to remain with the Café if he stayed for five years. "But they want to take all of my equipment after one year. They want to take the improvements . . . this is what they wanted to do to me."

Though Kmaiha felt personally aggrieved by the actions of certain members of the board, Almeida still expresses warm feelings toward board members and is hopeful that a resolution can be reached. "They say I am a Pollyanna but I have hope."

Mediation Hope

Almeida said that she helped to set up a mediation appointment with Greenbelt CARES but that the mediator advised against the meeting due to Kmaiha's agitation. "I don't want to ruin myself and I don't want to ruin them," Almeida said. "I am still hopeful and keep my options open. Everybody will lose if this doesn't work."

She added, "But I am really proud and grateful for all the people who have stood by us. I am really proud of all the people who have understood our plight. We are really proud of Greenbelt and grateful for support. Greenbelt has restored my faith in humanity. Even though we have lost money, time and food, I still hope we can resolve this without the law. The members deserve their Café."

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Member Petition

Ten members placed a petition before the membership recommending that the board of directors be reduced from nine members to seven. Marjorie Gray and Hopi Auerbach spoke to the members about their petition. Their grounds were that 1) the nine member requirement was established years ago when members "were not as fully employed or otherwise busy as volunteers;" 2) the city with 10 times the number of constituents is directed by five council members; 3) the co-op has trouble recruiting members to run for the board; and 4) GHI is served well by growing numbers of volunteers who report to the board.

Most members, including current and former board members, spoke against the petition citing what they saw as increased work for a small board, not less work. Long-time GHI member and activist Mat Amberg addressed the members from the floor. "We are not tenants, we are owners," he shouted. He admonished the younger members that they should not be afraid to take on the job of running the cooperative. The amendment failed by an almost unanimous vote.

Energy Survey

Jim Cohen, Buildings Committee, gave an update on what is happening with heating and other home issues. The committee was only formalized last summer and it has been busy. They are looking into heating, insulation, hot water and other issues. A contractor, Ardently Green, is evaluating the homes including the information that was obtained

by the survey of members early this year. Six units are being thoroughly inspected as examples of the various types of GHI units. A full special membership meeting will be held in the fall to discuss the report that Ardently Green will be preparing.

President's Award

GHI Board President Sylvia Lewis described a new award - the President's Award. It is not meant to be given every year but on occasion a person is so valuable to the cooperative that he or she warrants this award. They are "so vital to GHI," she exclaimed. The award was presented to Jim Cohen, who received a standing ovation. Lewis mentioned his work on the charrettes, the Green Ribbon Task Force and Building Committee, all of which were "much better for his participation." She referred to Cohen's "visionary guidance." In response, he expressed his thanks and indicated that none of these activities could have been accomplished without the assistance of many other volunteers.

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Art Teacher Chrissy Chiddo and the kindergarten class show off their animal puppets at St. Hugh's Spring Art Exhibit. Back row from left: Emanda Bisrat, Charles Bailey, Allison Takeuchi, Kennedy Mack and Madison Rudy. Front row from left: Adam Kramer, Ryleigh Adams, Jack Hussey, Annamarie Garcia and Raul Garcia.

St. Hugh's Spring Art Exhibit Covers the Hallways in Color

by Chrissy Chiddo

St. Hugh's gymnasium overflowed with excitement from students on May 20 as they discovered several of their art pieces throughout the room during the Spring Art Exhibit. The walls were covered with artistic expression created throughout the school year, from decorative masks to clay pinch pots to origami puppets. The students have had the opportunity to draw, paint and sculpt their way through the 2008-2009 school year. Being successful in art is different from academic achievement. It takes creativity, originality and true expression to feel accomplished in art.

"It was really fun seeing the whole school's artwork displayed

for everyone to see," said fourthgrader Emma Campbell. Classmate Lauren Hill agreed.

Chiddo says, "One of my favorite things about teaching art at St. Hugh's is when one of my students accomplishes something they never thought they could. It is so rewarding to see them view their work hung up for the school to see. Their glowing pride makes all of the lesson planning and preparation worth it. Many of my students tell me they wish they could have art all day long. How lucky am I?" She adds, "I am thrilled to be teaching a subject that helps students develop their imaginations.'

Chrissy Chiddo is the art teacher at St. Hugh's.

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Large Crowd Enjoys New Version of "The City"

by Sandra Lange

About 100 people gathered at the Community Center on May 19 to watch a new version of "The City," the 1939 documentary that was partly filmed in Greenbelt. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum, the film features a newly-recorded soundtrack of the Aaron Copeland score performed by the Post-Classical Ensemble whose music director, Angel Gil-Ordonez, offered introductory remarks.

The film was commissioned by the federal government for the 1939 World's Fair ("The World of Tomorrow"). It epitomized the propaganda genre of the 1930s and 1940s, extolling the virtues of suburban living.

Cities were shown as overcrowded, unhealthy environments where children played in the dirty streets. Shots of Greenbelt's trees and gardens form the backdrop as the film's narrator intones, "Can we afford a city this good for everyone? The choice is yours."

The viewer is then shown scenes of belching black smoke from steel plants followed by shots of young men playing baseball and happy children biking through the underpasses.

Pioneers' Memorial

After the film, a group of Greenbelt pioneers shared their memories of their childhood in the 1930s and 40s. Kathleen McFarland said that her life was enriched by performing in the Greenbelt Band where she later met her husband-to-be.

Richard Rosenzweig talked about the activism of his father, Ben, who worked for the Department of Defense by day and, in his spare time, was on the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Coop Supermarket and served as the president of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union for 35 years.

Lee Shields remembered lining up his wagon at the Co-op Supermarket to earn 25 cents hauling groceries to the north end of town. Lee's dad was Greenbelt's first mail carrier.

Bob Sommers was featured in "The City," earning 25 cents a day for his cameo performance riding a bike and pumping up the bike's tire.

Jack Maffay recalled the day in 1938 when four families moved into 4 court Southway. "It was raining and there were no sidewalks and the movers hauled furniture along 2' x 12' boards," he commented. All of the pioneers spoke fondly of Buddy Attick, the city's first policeman, who rode a horse and was often called to deal with mischievous children.

Maffay regretfully noted that some of the town's best basketball and football fields were removed to make way for "defense housing" (frame homes) built in 1941. He also remembered that his first grade class was taken to the Greenbelt Theatre one day to see the classic film "Gone with the Wind."

DVD Version

The DVD version of "The City" can be purchased at the Museum gift shop, 10-B Crescent Road, open Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. In addition to the film with its new soundtrack, the DVD contains a documentary film, "Which Playground for Your Child: Greenbelt or Gutter?" featuring interviews with three Greenbelt pioneers and a conversation between legendary documentary filmmaker George Stoney and Joseph Horowitz, artistic director of the Post-Classical Ensemble, about "The City."

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Museum Corner

The Greenbelt Museum celebrated its dedicated volunteers at the annual docent dinner in early May. Held at the Community Center, the evening included a variety of dishes, door prizes and a special tradition that involves all attendees speaking about their personal reasons for getting involved at the Museum. From touching to hilarious, everyone had a story to tell! The next notable event for Museum volunteers is a field trip to a nearby historic site or exhibit.

In preparation for the July lecture "Lions and Tigers and . . . Shamrocks? A History of Baseball in Greenbelt," the Education/Volunteer Coordinator is researching this Greenbelt tradition. Anyone who has any artifacts that relate to Greenbelt baseball or a story you would like to share is asked to call the Museum at 240-542-2064. Any photographs, uniforms or statistic sheets would be greatly appreciated. All items will be returned after the event; those interested in donating an item to the Greenbelt Museum are asked to let them know.

- Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

Join a Bird Walk

On Thursday, June 4 at 6 p.m., take a stroll around Lake Artemesia to look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird life flying over the new Luther Goldman Birding Trail. This paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and alongside Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. This walk is for beginners and experts. Binoculars are suggested. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

Mrs. Roosevelt Re-enactor Will Head June 7 Program

On Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. Eleanor Roosevelt will return to Greenbelt in a performance by re-enactor Suzan King. Her performance as Eleanor Roosevelt will be part of the city's annual Greenbelt Day celebration and part of the 2009 Maryland Humanities Council Chautauqua series, "Rights and Reformers."

Mrs. Roosevelt herself visited Greenbelt frequently while her husband Franklin Delano Roosevelt was president. She was beloved by the town.

Throughout her life she was dedicated to a wide range of social issues, including civil rights, women's and children's rights, education, world peace and the alleviation of poverty – many of the issues addressed by the planning and construction of Greenbelt, built in 1937 as a New Deal town project.

King's visit (as Roosevelt) is also timely in coinciding with the City of Greenbelt's declaration of June as Peace Month. Greenbelt was enamored of Mrs. Roosevelt and so inspired by her lifelong service that the local residents asked that the new high school be named for her rather than for her husband, as the school board had first intended. The city is delighted to welcome back "The First Lady of the World," as she was called by President Truman.

The free, hour-long performance by King, who also performs as Abigail Adams, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Dorothy Parker, brings Eleanor Roosevelt and her convictions to life.

Other Events

At 3 p.m., the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform. From 1 to 4 p.m., participants can make a rag rug trivet, a craft popular in the 1930s and 1940s. Both performances and the craft are part of the Greenbelt Recreation Department's award-winning monthly Artful Afternoon series, which combines special presentations with artists' studio open houses, Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, art gallery programs and hands-on creative activities for all ages.

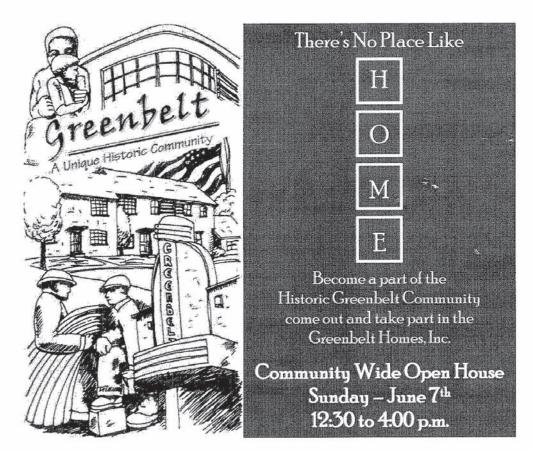
King's performance is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council, the City of Greenbelt and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Greenbelt Museum

The Greenbelt Museum provides a gateway to the rich history and living legacy of this utopian cooperative community, which was created in 1937 by Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal administration. Greenbelt, now a National Historic Landmark, was designed as a garden suburb and a model of modern town planning and cooperative living in America.

The Museum offers tours of an original historic home, exhibits, public lectures, educational programs for children and walking tours of the historic town to visitors and the community. The Greenbelt Museum also sponsors a bi-monthly lecture series that is free to the public which explore the Great Depression and World War II era.

For details call 301-507-6582 or email museum@greenbeltmd. gov.



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